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SUBJ: BAHAMAS 200 MILE FISHERIES ZONE

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1. THE BAHAMIAN FISHDRIES ZONE LEGISLATION, PASSED BY
THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ON MAY 11 AND BY THE SENATE ON
MAY 25, WAS SIGNED INTO LAW BY THE ACTING GOVERNOR GENEREL
ON JUNE 6 AND BECAME EFFECTIVE ON JUNE 16, THE DATE OF
PUBLICATION IN THE OFHTAAL GAZETTE. COPIES OF GAZETTE
WILL BE AIRPOUCHED WHEN AVAILABLE APPROXIMATELY JUNE 23
BUT COPY OF LEGISLATION AIRPOUCHED APRIL 26 IS ACCURATE.

2. WITH REGARD TO THE COMMERCIAL FISHING OF SCALE FISH
SUCH AS SNAPPER, GROUPER AND YELLOW TAIL, LICENSES WILL
BE GRANTED FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING WITHIN THE BAHAMIAN ZONE
BUT ONLY AFTER NEGOTIATION AND SIGNING OF A TREATY WITH
U.S. OR OTHER FOREIGN NATION. THE FOREIGN STATE ITSELF,
ONCE THE TREATY HAS BEEN SIGNED, MUST SUBMIT AN APPLICATION
FOR THE LICENSE TO THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE EACH YEAR

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FOR EVERY FISHING VESSEL WISHING TO FISH IN THE EXCLUSIVE
FISHERIES ZONE. SECTIONS 7, 8 AND 9 ARE THE
PERTINENT SECTIONS OF THE FISHERIES RESOURCES
LEGISLATION CONCERNING FOREIGN FISHING TREATIES
AND LICENSING. PARTICULAR NOTE SHOULD BEMMADE
THAT SUB-PARAGRAPH 5 OF SECTION 9 LIMITS OWNERS AND
OPERATORS OF LICENSED VESSELS TO NATIONALS OF THE

COUNTRY THAT OBTAINED THE LICENSE, IME. NO CUBAN NATIONALS WILL BE ALLOWED TO OWN OR OPERATE U.S. VESSELS LICENSED BY THE BAHAMIAN GOVERNMENT.

3. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE STONE CRAB WAS DECLARED A CREATURE OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF IN THE SAME LEGISLATION AS SPINY LOBSTER WHICH BECAMD EFFECTIVE JULY 1975. DEPT. IS CERTAI LY CORRECT IN ASSUMING THAT GCOB HAS NO INTENTION OF ALLOWING U.S. TO RESUME SPINY LOBSTER FISHING ON SHELF.

4. SECT ON 11 OF THE BAHAMIAN LAW GIVES THE IMITS OF THE EXCLUSIVE FISHERIES ZONE IN THE ABSENCE OF A TREATY. HHE LIMITS ARE DIFFERENT FOR "FISHERIES RESOURCES OF THE WATERS" I.E. SCALE FISH, TTAN THEY ARE FOO "FISHERIES RESOURCES OF THE SSABED AND SUB-SOIL" E.G. LOBSTER. SECTION 11 SUB-PARAGRAPH (2)(A) REFERS TO THE FORMER AND SUB-PARAGRAPH (2)(B) TO THE LATTER. SECTION 11 IS GIVEN IN ITS ENTIRITY IN REF (B).

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